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SUBJECT:INTERROGATORY FROM NASSAR AFSHAR

REF: 76 STATE 183386, 77 STATE 94920, 76 TEHRAN 7604,  
76 TEHRAN A-143, 76 TEHRAN 12382, 77 TEHRAN 3771.

1. DEPARTMENT IS IN LITIGATION WITH NASSAR AFSHAR OVER THE PROCESSING OF HIS FOIA/PRIVACY ACT REQUESTS. AFSHAR'S ATTORNEY ISSUED INTERROGATORIES WHICH SEVERAL BUREAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND AMEMBASSY TEHRAN MUST ANSWER. DEPARTMENT MUST PROVIDE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WITH ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY 8/24/77.

2. PLEASE ANSWER EVERY QUESTION (BEGINNING WITH PARAGRAPH 10). IF THE ANSWER IS "NONE", IF NO ONE KNOWS THE ANSWER, OR IF YOU FEEL ANY QUESTION MUST NOT BE ANSWERED, PLEASE STATE SO. YOUR TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE SHOULD BE CAPTIONED FOR FADRC AND L AND SENT TO DEPARTMENT BY 8/18/77 SO THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE CAN COMPILE ANSWERS FOR JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

3. DEFINITIONS & INSTRUCTIONS: THE TERM "DOCUMENT" SHALL MEAN THE ORIGINAL OR A COPY OF ANY WRITTEN, PRINTED, TYPED, PHOTOGRAPHIC, OR OTHER RECORDED MATTER OF ANY KIND OR CHARACTER IN THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF, OR KNOWN TO EXIST BY, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR ANY SUBDIVISION OR

;MBASSY THEREOF.

4. THE TERM "AFSHAR DOCUMENT" SHALL MEAN ANY DOCUMENT WHICH RELATES IN ANY WAY TO NASSAR ARSHAR AND/OR THE IRAN FREE PRESS AND/OR THE COMMITTEE FOR FREE IRAN.

5. THE TERM "AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS" SHALL MEAN THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT REQUESTS MADE BY NASSAR AFSHAR AND HIS COUNSEL IN LETTERS DATED MARCH 27, 1975 AND MAY 28, 1976.

6. THE TERM "COMMUNICATION" SHALL INCLUDE A DOCUMENT AS WELL AS AN ORAL COMMUNICATION WHETHER BY TELEPHONE, RADIO, CODE OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS.

7. THE TERM "PERSON" SHALL MEAN ANY INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, CORPORATION, GOVERNMENT AGENCY, OR OTHER ENTITY.

8. THE TERM "EMBASSY" SHALL MEAN THE U.S. EMBASSY TO IRAN IN TEHRAN.

9. THE TERMS "IDENTIFY" OR "IDENTITY" AND "DESCRIBE" OR "DESCRIPTION": (A) WHEN USED IN REFERENCE TO A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION OR DOCUMENT SHALL MEAN TO STATE (I) THE DATE OF SUCH DOCUMENT; (II) THE NAME, TITLE AND ADDRESS OF THE SENDER; (III) THE NAME, TITLE AND ADDRESS OF THE ADDRESSEE; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(IV) THE NAME, TITLE AND ADDRESS OF THE RECIPIENT (IF DIFFERENT FROM THE ADDRESSEE); (V) THE MANNER OF CONVEYANCE (E.G., LETTER, TELEGRAM, MEMORANDUM); (VI) THE TITLE OR HEADING; (VII) THE FORMAL CITATION, IF ANY; (VIII) THE SUBSTANCE OF ITS CONTENTS. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PROVIDE A COMPLETE COPY OF THE DOCUMENT: (B) WHEN USED IN REFERENCE TO ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION, WHETHER ORAL, BY RADIO TRANSMISSION OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS, SHALL MEAN TO STATE (I) THE DATE OF SUCH COMMUNICATION; (II) THE NAME, TITLE AND ADDRESS OF EACH PARTY TO SUCH COMMUNICATION; (III) THE MANNER OF CONVEYANCE (E.G. TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, RADIO MESSAGE); (IV) THE IDENTITY OF ANY WRITTEN MEMORANDUM OR OTHER DOCUMENT REFLECTING OR IN ANY WAY PERTAINING TO, SUCH COMMUNICATION; (V) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF SUCH COMMUNICATION; (C) WHEN USED IN REFERENCE TO A PERSON SHALL MEAN TO STATE THAT PERSON'S (I) NAME; (II) ADDRESS; (III) EMPLOYER; (IV) OFFICIAL TITLE OR AFFILIATION; (V) NATIONALITY.

10. STATE WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE EMBASSY AFTER RECEIVING THE INITIAL COMMUNICATION (76 STATE 183386) ADVISING OF THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS SPECIFICALLY

DESCRIBING: (A) THE NAME, TITLE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISING EMBASSY ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS; (B) THE NAME, TITLE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS ENGAGED IN ANY WAY IN ACTING UPON THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND THE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH SUCH INDIVIDUAL WITH RESPECT TO THOSE REQUESTS; (C) THE FULL TITLE AND SUBJECT MATTER OF EACH FILE SEARCHED FOR DOCUMENTS RESPONSIVE TO THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND THE NAME, TITLE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL EXAMINING EACH SUCH FILE; (D) THE DATES ON WHICH EACH FILE, IDENTIFIED IN RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY (C), ABOVE, WAS SEARCHED; (E) THE IDENTITY OF EACH DOCUMENT DESIGNATED AS RESPONSIVE TO THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS AT THE TIME OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE FILE SEARCH IDENTIFIED IN RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY (C), ABOVE. (FADRC ALREADY HAS INDEX OF ALL DOCUMENTS SENT TO DEPARTMENT UNDER 76 TEHRAN A-143).

11. IDENTIFY EACH COMPENDIUM, WORKSHEET, CHECKLIST OR OTHER DOCUMENT WHICH DESCRIBES OR IDENTIFIES ANY EMBASSY DOCUMENT LOCATED IN RESPONSE TO THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS.
12. IDENTIFY ANY WRITTEN OR ORAL DIRECTIVE, ORDER, GUIDE-LINE OR OTHER INSTRUCTION PERTAINING TO THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ENGAGED IN RESPONDING TO THOSE AFSHAR REQUESTS.
13. IDENTIFY ANY WRITTEN OR ORAL DIRECTIVE, ORDER, GUIDE-LINE OR OTHER INSTRUCTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO THE EMBASSY PERTAINING IN ANY WAY TO THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUEST.
14. IDENTIFY ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION, PERTAINING IN ANY WAY TO THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO THE EMBASSY.
15. IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATION, PERTAINING IN ANY WAY TO THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS, FROM THE EMBASSY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
16. STATE WHETHER ANY OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY COMMUNICATED IN ANY WAY WITH AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN CONCERNING THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND, IF SO, IDENTIFY EACH SUCH COMMUNICATION.
17. STATE WHETHER ANY OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNICATED IN ANY WAY WITH ANY OTHER PERSON (NOT IDENTIFIED IN RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 16, ABOVE) WHO WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY CONCERNING THE AFSHAR DOCUMENT REQUEST AND, IF SO, IDENTIFY EACH SUCH COMMUNICATION. (THIS INCLUDES COMMUNICATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT).

18. IDENTIFY EACH STANDARD PROCEDURE RELATING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE DOCUMENTS, WHETHER OR NOT APPLICABLE TO THE EMBASSY.

19. STATE WHETHER ANY AFSHAR DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND, IF SO, STATE: (A) THE IDENTITY OF EACH SUCH DESTROYED DOCUMENT; (B) THE DATE ON WHICH EACH SUCH DOCUMENT WAS DESTROYED; (C) THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO DESTROYED EACH SUCH DOCUMENT; (D) THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ORDERED EACH SUCH DESTRUCTION; (E) THE REASON WHY EACH SUCH DOCUMENT WAS DESTROYED; (F) THE IDENTITY OF ANY PERSON WHO RETAINS A COPY OF EACH SUCH DOCUMENT.

20. IDENTIFY EACH LOSS, ACCOUNTING, OR OTHER RECORD OF ANY DESTROYED AFSHAR DOCUMENTS.

21. STATE WHETHER ANY OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY HAS COMMUNICATED ANY ORDER, REQUEST, OR SUGGESTION THAT AFSHAR DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE DESTROYED OR OTHERWISE WITHHELD AND, IF SO, IDENTIFY EACH SUCH COMMUNICATION.

22. STATE WHETHER ANY OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN HAS COMMUNICATED ANY ORDER, REQUEST OR SUGGESTION THAT AFSHAR DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE DESTROYED OR OTHERWISE WITHHELD AND, IF SO, IDENTIFY EACH SUCH COMMUNICATION.

23. STATE WHETHER ANY OTHER PERSON (NOT IDENTIFIED IN RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORIES 14 AND 15, ABOVE) HAS COMMUNICATED ANY ORDER, REQUEST OR SUGGESTION THAT AFSHAR DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE DESTROYED OR OTHERWISE WITHHELD AND, IF SO, IDENTIFY EACH SUCH COMMUNICATION.

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CATED ANY ORDER, REQUEST OR SUGGESTION THAT AFSHAR DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE DESTROYED OR OTHERWISE WITHHELD AND, IF SO, IDENTIFY EACH SUCH COMMUNICATION.

24. STATE WHETHER ANY AFSHAR DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN, RELEASED, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED TO ANY PERSON NOT AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY AND, IF SO, STATE:

(A) THE DATE SUCH DOCUMENTS WERE TRANSFERRED; (B) THE  
IDENTITY OF THE PERSON WHO TRANSFERRED SUCH DOCUMENTS;  
(C) THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM SUCH DOCUMENTS  
WERE TRANSFERRED; (D) THE IDENTITY OF THE DOCUMENTS  
TRANSFERRED; (E) THE IDENTITY OF ANY DOCUMENT REFLECTING,  
OR PERTAINING IN ANY WAY TO THE TRANSFER OF SUCH DOCUMENTS.

25. IDENTIFY EACH PERSON WHO ASSISTED IN ANSWERING THE  
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